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SUBJ: ARRON SATISFIED WITH TALKS IN U.S.

1. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE GOS-OPERATED RADIO STATION PUBLISHED MARCH 11 IN THE GOS PUBLICITY BULLETIN, PRIME MINISTER ARRON CALLED HIS FEBRUARY 25 CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY VANCE " ESPECIALLY CONSTRUCTIVE" AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH ALL THE TALKS HE HAD IN THE U.S. IN ADDITION, HE ANTICIPATED THAT SURINAM WILL RECEIVE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, OF WHICH HE EXPECTED SURINAM WOULD BECOME A MEMBER WITHIN A MONTH AND A HALF, AND SAID THAT THE WORLD BANK HAD AGREED TO RECONSIDER "SUBSIDIZING" SURINAM'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

2. ARRON SAID HE HAD FOUND SECRETARY VANCE "FRANK AND DOWN-TO-EARTH, SOMEONE WHO KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS AND WHO IMMEDIATELY PUTS YOU AT EASE." HE NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AT THE TIME OF THEIR MEETING AND THAT DEVELOPMENTS THERE HAD BEEN A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION, INCLUDING RELATIONS WITH THE PLO. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT RHODESIA HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, THAT THE NEED FOR A SOLUTION THERE (WHICH THE FUTURE WILL REVEAL) IS PERCEIVED.

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3. DESCRIBING MEETINGS HE HAD HAD WITH MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND HOUSE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, ARRON SAID THAT LATIN AND MIDDLE AMERICAN AFFAIRS, THE CARIBBEAN REGION, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. WITH REGARD TO THE PANAMA CANAL, ARRON SAID HE HAD EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY BETWEEN THE PANAMANIAN AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS

WOULD LEAD TO A SATISFACTORY RESULT THAT WILL BE IN ACCORD WITH THE WISHES OF THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE. ARRON ALSO FOUND THAT PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES WERE WELL-INFORMED ABOUT SURINAM.

4. ECHOING HIS COMMENTS AT THE TIME OF SURINAM'S ADMISSION TO THE OAS, ARRON EXPLAINED THAT MEMBERSHIP IN THE OAS MEANS THAT SURINAM WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN WHAT HAPPENS IN THE REGION AND WILL PROGRESS ECONOMICALLY INASMUCH AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS ALSO ONE OF THE IMPORTANT AIMS OF THE OAS.
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